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SUBJECT: DRAFT EC-US DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

1. AGENCE EUROQV, IN ITS ISSUE OF MARCH 11-12, 1974, HAS
PUBLISHED THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES
WHICH THE EC NINE HAVE GIVEN THE US. THE AGENCE EUROPE
ARTICLE CONTAINING THE TEXT OF THE DECLARATION, TOGETHER WITH
EUROPE'S COMMENTS, IS QUOTED BELOW:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE CONTENTS OF THE "DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES."

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ACCORDING TO THE DRAFT SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES BY THE

NINE, THE DECLARATION CONTAINS A SHORT PREAMBLE FOLLOWED BY 13 PARAGRAPHS AND A SHORT CONCLUSION. HERE, TOGETHER WITH A FEW EXPLANATORY COMMENTS IS THE TEXT OF THE PREAMBLE:

"THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES, BEGIN UNDERLINED HAVING DECIDED TO FORM A EUROPEAN UNION END UNDERLINED (THE WORDS UNDERLINED STOOD BETWEEN BRACKETS IN THE PENULTIMATE VERSION),

- AWARE THAT RAPID CHANGES IN THE WORLD ARE PROFOUNDLY AFFECTING THE DESTINY OF NATIONS,

- CONSCIOUS OF THE BENEFITS THAT THEIR CITIZENS ENJOY FROM THE WIDE RANGE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES,

-AWARE OF THE INTERACTION BETWEEN BOTH GOVERNMENTAL AND COMMUNITY POLICIES AND THE CONSEQUENCES WHICH ARISE FOR THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE CONCERNED (THIS PASSAGE WAS ONE OF THE MAIN POINTS TO BE CONTESTED, AND STOOD BETWEEN BRACKETS),

- DESIROUS THAT THEIR RELATIONS IN ALL SPHERES BE FURTHER DEVELOPED BEGIN UNDERLINED ON AN EQUAL BASIS AND TO THEIR MUTUAL ADVANTAGE END UNDERLINED (STOOD BETWEEN BRACKETS),

- BEGIN UNDERLINED SOLEMNLY END UNDERLINED DECLARE AS FOLLOWS" (THE UNDERLINED WORD HAS BEEN ADDED).

BELOW, ALMOST WORD FOR WORD, IS THE TEXT OF THE THIRTEEN PARAGRAPHS:

1. THE NINE COUNTRIES OF THE COMMUNITY, HAVING DECIDED TO DEFINE THEIR NEW RELATIONS WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD, CONSIDER IT NATURAL TO DO SO FIRST WITH THE UNITED STATES, GIVEN THE LINKS THAT HISTORY, THE SHARING OF SO MANY COMMON ENDEAVOURS AND A LONG-STANDING FRIENDSHIP HAVE WOVEN BETWEEN THEM.

2. THE UNITED STATES WHICH HAS LONG SUPPORTED THE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF EUROPE WELCOMES THE INTENTION OF THE NINE TO INSURE THAT THE COMMUNITY ESTABLISHES ITS POSITION IN WORLD AFFAIRS AS A DISTINCT ENTITY.

3. THE COMMUNITY AND THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZE THAT THE DECISION BY THE NINE TO FORM A EUROPEAN UNION HAS ADDED A NEW DIMENSION TO THEIR RELATIONS.

4. THEY ARE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR SHARED UNCLASSIFIED

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HERITAGE OF COMMON VALUES AND ASPIRATIONS TO PRESERVE THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

5. THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT THE LESSONS OF HISTORY HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE NEED FOR THEM TO REMAIN CLOSELY LINKED. THEY BELIEVE THAT THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF THE FUTURE CAN BE BEST MET IF THEIR POLIICIES AND NEGOTIATIONS

BETWEEN THEM ARE INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION APPROPRIATE TO THE TRADITIONAL RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN OLD FRIENDS.

6. THEY REAFFIRM THEIR INTENTION OF COOPERATING IN PURSUIT OF COMMON INTERESTS, FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL. THEY WILL WORK IN HARMONY AND IN A SPIRIT OF CREATIVITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE AND PROSPERITY. THEY WILL STRIVE TO PROMOTE MORE STABLE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR WORLDWIDE RESPONSIBILITIES. THEY WILL EACH REMAIN OPEN TO THE WORLD AND THEIR POLICIES ARE NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANYONE. THEIR COOPERATION, FAR FROM BEING EXCLUSIVE WILL STIMULATE WIDER INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION.

7. WHILE MAINTAINING THEIR OWN SECURITY, REMAINING FAITHFUL TO THEIR TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIPS, AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE MEMBEERS, TO THE ALLIANCE TO WHICH THEY BELONG, THEY ARE DETERMINED TO PURSUE A POLICY OF DETENTE AND COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS. THEY AFFIRM THEIR CONVICTION THAT PROGRESS TOWARDS EUROPEAN UNION IS A POSITIVE FACTOR IN FAVOUR OF DETENTE.

8. THEY RECOGNIZE THAT THEIR PROSPERITY DEPENDS UPON AN OPEN AND BALANCED WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER.

9. THEY ARE DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN CLOSE COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION BOTH BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND WITH OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.

10. THEY AGREE ON THE NEED FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION, IN THE PRESERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

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11. THEY RECOGNIZE THEIR SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR COOPERATING WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THEY AGREE TO INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS TO ASSIST THESE COUNTRIES.

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12. THEY REAFFIRM THEIR DETERMINATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EQUITABLE AND DURABLE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM AND PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN THE GATT NEGOTIATIONS.

13. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF NATURAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING ENERGY, COMPRISING ALL THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED COULD IMPROVE THE SUPPLY-DEMAND RELATIONSHIP: THEY WILL CONSEQUENTLY ENDEAVOUR TO PROMOTE HARMONIOUS RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PRODUCER AND CONSUMER COUNTRIES TAKING PARTICULAR ACCOUNT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
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HERE IS THE CONCLUSION OF THE DOCUMENT:

"THEY THEREFORE UNDERTAKE TO INTENSIFY THEIR EXISTING COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION BY USING TO THE FULL ALL THE

MEANS WHICH ARE AT THEIR DISPOSAL AND IN A FASHION APPROPRIATE TO THEIR EVOLVING RELATIONS. THEY EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT PROGRESS TOWARDS A EUROPEAN UNION WILL ENABLE THIS CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE TO ASSUME ITS TRUE DIMENSIONS."

A FINAL PASSAGE WHICH ADVOCATED QUOTE AN OPEN AND RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND POINTS OF VIEW ON THE TENDENCIES OF THE RESPECTIVE POLICIES END QUOTE HAS BEEN DELETED. OBVIOUSLY SOME PARTIES CONSIDERED IT TO BE TOO QUOTE BINDING END QUOTE END TEXT.

3. IN AN ACCOMPANYING EDITORIAL AGENCE EUROPE EDITOR GAZZO DISCUSSES WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRESENT STATE OF US-EC RELATIONS. HE WRITES QUOTE THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT APPEAR TO HAVE CHOSEN THE BEST WAY TO CREATE THE CLIMATE OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH IS NECESSARY TO OVERCOME THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES. IT IS TRUE THAT THE NINE'S OBSTINATE REFUSAL TO ACCEPT FLEXIBLE MECHANISMS FOR RECIPROCAL CONSULTATION IS REFLECTED BY THE SLOWNESS IN WORKINGBT THE JOINT DECLARATION. A YEAR HAS PASSED SINCE DR. KISSINGER LAUNCHED THE IDEA AND SINCE THEN A "NOMINALIST" QUARREL HAS BEEN DEVELOPING WHICH HAS ROBBED THIS TEXT OF ANY REAL POLITICAL BEARING, THE MAJOR CONCES- SION, WHICH THE EUROPEANS ADDED AT THE LAST MINUTE, BEING THE IRONIC INSERTION OF THE ADVERB "SOLEMNLY" IN THEIR DRAFT DECLARATION. END QUOTE.GREENWALD

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